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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Wael R. Joseph, et al. Art Unit 1616
Serial No. 10/660,203
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Confirmation No. 6548
For MOISTURIZING AND LUBRICATING COMPOSITIONS

August 16, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, SIR:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated July 20, 2006, applicants elect: silicone as the emollient in claim 2; dimethicone as the silicone in claims 3 and 34; glycerin as the humectant in claims 5 and 36; glycerine as the humectant in claims 6 and 37¹; high molecular weight polyethylene glycol as the immobilizing agent in claims 9 and 40; low molecular weight polyethylene glycol as the compatibilizing agent in claims 12 and 43; and polyether ethoxylated/propoxylated modified polydimethylsiloxane as the

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Applicants note that the Office has required election of the species in claims 5, 6, 36, and 37. As claims 5, 6, 36, and 37 are each directed to the humectant to be used in the moisturizing and lubricating composition, Applicants assume it was the Office's intention for the Applicants to elect the same species for use as the humectant in all claims. Please contact Applicants' attorney, Mr. Christopher Goff, if this assumption is incorrect.

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dispersing agent in claim 14. Claims that read on these species include claims 1-10, 12-41, and 43-59.

Additionally, the Office has required restriction between product and process claims. Applicants respectfully note that there are no claims directed to a process. As such, this restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any government fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully Submitted,

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